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REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF CORNISH,

FOR THE YEAR

Ending March 2, 1868.

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L. S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs—

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Cornish, on Tuesday the tenth day of March next, at nine of the clock, in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To choose a Representative to represent this town in the General Court of this State.
4. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and one County Commissioner.
5. To choose Selectmen, and all other necessary town officers.
6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.
7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.
8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay existing claims against the town.
9. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of Liquor Agent the ensuing year.
10. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise to aid in the construction of a Railroad from Bradford to Claremont.
11. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road leading from the School House in District No. 2, to the Davis Bridge so called.
12. To see if the town will vote to raise money to build the road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of George D. Kenyon and others and pay the land damage for the same.
13. To see if the town will petition Congress to levy a tax on all the bonds of the United States not exceeding one per cent semi-annually, and make the same a lien on the coupons and interest of said bonds and set the same apart as a sinking fund to be applied in the purchase of the debts of the United States in such manner as Congress may direct.
14. To see if the town will vote to disannex the land formerly owned by Libbeus Chase and now owned by Henry F. Bartlett situated in Cornish and bounded as follows: on the north by land held in dower by widow Sarah Chase and land of Dana N. Morgan, on the east by land of Dana N. Morgan and land of Henry F. Bartlett, on the South by land of said Morgan and the highway and land of David H. Chase, on the west by land held in dower by said Sarah Chase and land of Marshall Harlow, and deeded to said Bartlett by Dudley T. Chase, from school District No. 1 and annex the same to school district No. 11, in said town.
15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise in addition to the amount now authorized by law for the support of common schools in town.
16. To see what action, if any, the town will take in regard to the division of school money.

Given under our hands and seals this twentieth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

JONAS HASTINGS,	} Selectmen of Cornish.
STEPHEN A. TRACY,	
LOUIS T. CHASE.	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen have assessed the inhabitants of
the Town of Cornish and the lands of non-
residents the sum of \$12286 64
To which add non-resident highway tax, 67 28

Amounts to \$12353 92

We have paid into the Treasury the following
additional sums :

Cash rec'd of County for support of paupers,	\$521 34
Town of Henniker pauper money refunded,	40 20
State Savings Bank tax, 1867,	132 30
Railroad tax, 1867,	64 99
Literary Fund, 1867,	55 80
United States Bounty,	200 00
James M. Davidson, Trustee Foss Legacy,	112 80
Levi C. Fay,	1000 00

Amounts to \$14481 35

Deduct State tax,	\$3418 75	
County tax,	2113 93	
	5532 68	

Which leaves a balance of \$8948 67

We have drawn orders on the Treasurer as
follows :

For support of Schools, including amount due District No. 15, 1866,	\$1167 98
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For support of Town paupers away from Alms-
House :

Lucy Rickard,	\$11 12
Town of Claremont,	10 25
Cynthia Jackson,	14 00
Joseph B. Comings,	3 75

L. H. Smith,	26 00
L. H. Smith,	1 95
Sylvester M. Bugbee,	8 00
Cynthia Jackson,	7 50
William H. Child,	7 14
Emily Peno,	3 86
George W. Hunt,	4 25
Jonas Hastings,	14 20
Sarah W. Westgate,	5 00
Jonas Hastings,	8 84
William H. Child	9 00
Jonas Hastings,	25 82
Sarah W. Westgate,	40 00
Mercy J. Comings,	13 00
Cynthia Jackson,	12 00
Daniel E. Carroll,	4 00

Amounting to

\$229 68

For support of County Paupers :

Jonas Hastings,	\$15 00
John M. Root,	24 00
Orlando Powers,	3 96
L. H. Smith,	12 00
Thomas A. Allen,	32 00
Oliver P. Burr,	168 50
Horace Wright,	6 00
John M. Root,	11 25
Jonas Hastings,	10 00
Thomas A. Allen,	15 25
Oliver P. Burr,	73 38
Stephen A. Tracy,	150 00

Amounting to

\$521 34

For Plank and Timber :

Alfred C. Chadborn,	\$6 70
John B. Chase,	7 41
James M. Davidson,	7 00
E. O. & H. M. Day,	17 92
Stephen B. Deming, 1866,	8 88
Hiram H. York,	9 74
Norman A. Deming,	17 46
William E. Chadborn,	9 40
William W. Pool,	2 20
Dana N. Morgan,	5 83

Carlos F. Huggins,	3 11
Henry M. Kimball,	3 30
Auren Johnson,	6 71
John B. Stearns,	3 81
Edwin P. Bartlett,	5 25
Oliver P. Burr,	2 40
Benjamin K. Chase,	9 35
Edwin T. Ayers,	2 75
Amos Richardson,	1 27
William C. Hart,	9 45
Sylvanus Wilder,	1 50
Stephen Farnsworth,	3 48
Charles N. Hilliard,	\$6 00
William C. Smith,	5 12

Amounting to	\$156 04
S. P. Thrasher, stone abutment,	260 00
George W. Hunt, Super. School 1866,	45 00
Stephen Farnsworth. land damage,	75 00
Claremont, Mfg. Co. town reports, 1866,	25 00
Oliver P. Burr, services Liquor agent, 1866,	40 00
Oliver P. Burr, cash paid for Liquor,	210 00
Leonard Hadley, repairing road,	100 00
G. W. Hunt, Medical services R. White's family,	16 00
James Wilder, building bridge,	54 00
E. C. Eastman, invoice books, &c.,	5 55
D. W. Coggsell, sheriff fees, 1865,	2 06
Saul Wyman, injury to self and carriage in highway,	50 00
M. G. Day, harness for hearse,	50 00
Josiah Davis, overtax,	4 03
Harrison Leslie, work on road,	4 00
William D. Lear, watering trough,	3 00
Henry Gould, painting hearse,	27 00
H. M. Day, surveyor's services,	3 00
John Dean, entertainment Selectmen,	6 50
Hiram H. Bartlett, work on highway,	3 47
Philinda Ayers, pass for B. F. Bugbee,	6 00
Norman A. Deming, sheep killed by dogs,	3 50
William. W. Pool, work on highway,	8 80
James F. Tasker, damage to wagon,	3 00
Levi C. Fay, cash and old orders,	1000 00
Araunah Burnap, insurance assessment,	2 71
William D. Burr, watering trough,	3 00

Quartus Fletcher, watering trough,	3 00
Reuben Davis, irons for bridges and pass through field,	10 00
Martin Williams, over tax	6 01
Chester Pike, over tax,	37 80
Franklin D. Nevins, over tax,	1 80
Ariel K. Spaulding, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
Edwin T. Ayers, work on highway,	11 08
Milton Wyman, work on highway, 1866,	4 00
Marvin J. Deming, sheep killed by dogs	10 00
Seth Johnson, damage to plow on highway,	1 25
Lemuel Martindale, Selectmen services, 1866,	5 00
E. W. Collins, entertainment Selectmen,	20 70
William P. Johnson, building over culvert,	8 00
Stephen Farnsworth, work on highway,	7 80
Chas. Williams, damage to plow on highway,	2 50
Marshall Harlow, watering-trough,	3 00
Marshall Harlow, entertainment Selectmen,	9 00
Henry Mace, over tax,	4 32
George D. Kenyon, work on highway,	8 62
G. D. Kenyon, damage to horse & wagon,	8 00
Araunah Burnap, Town Clerk, services,	30 00
John B. Pike, damage to wagon,	4 75
Ira Colby, jr., attorney fees,	64 74
Oliver P. Burr, services with hearse,	38 00
Jonas Hastings, tax on town farm,	53 53
Jonas Hastings, expense at Newport, Clare- mont, affidavits, &c.	14 80
Jonas Hastings, postages, stationery, &c.	5 86
Geo. D. Kenyon, non-resident highway tax,	10 25
Jonas Hastings, tax on Town farm, 1866	54 75
Bradbury Dyer, over tax, 1866,	3 00
George D. Kenyon, error in tax book, 1866,	61
Charles C. Bartlett, over tax,	3 60
George D. Kenyon, abatement on tax for 1865 '66 and '67,	244 69
James M. Davidson, treasurer's services,	40 00
George D. Kenyon, Collector's services	63 00
Louis T. Chase, Selectman's services,	52 25
Stephen A. Tracy, Selectman's services,	74 91
Stephen A. Tracy, work on highway,	2 00
Stephen A. Tracy, entertainment Selectmen,	10 00
Araunah Bunnap, over tax, 1866,	4 32
Araunah Burnap, notifying jurors,	5 00
Jonas Hastings, entertainment, Selectmen,	14 00

Jonas Hastings, Selectman's services,	95 94
Jonas Hastings, stone work near Mercer Bridge,	150 00
Lueinda Weld, clothing,	12 00
Jas. M. Davidson, Trustee Foss fund service,	3 00
Francis E. Freeman, building new road,	122 00
Francis E. Freeman, land damage,	1 00
Moody Hook, land damage,	50 06

Amounting to	3404 50
Whole amount of orders drawn,	5479 54
Which deducted from the above receipts, leaves a balance in favor of the town of	\$3469 13

We recommend to the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish to raise to defray town charges the ensuing year the sum of \$1600 00

Also to repair highways and bridges, 1600 00

To build fence around the burying-ground near
Stephen Farnsworth's, 200 00

To pay land damage and build road laid out by
Selectmen on petition of George D. Kenyon
and others, 65 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JONAS HASTINGS,	} <i>Selectmen of Cornish.</i>
STEPHEN A. TRACY,	
LOUIS T. CHASE,	

ALMS HOUSE REPORT.

The Cash Account as rendered by the Agent for the year ending Feb. 29, 1868:

RECEIPTS.

Received for produce of Farm,	\$439 96
Rec'd of Selectmen for support of County Paupers,	241 88
" " services with hearse,	38 00
" " services Liquor Agent,	40 00

Amounting to	\$759 84
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for clothing, groceries, &c.,	\$348 95
“ O. P. Burr, Agent's salary,	350 00
Amounting to	<hr/> \$698 95

An inventory and appraisal of the personal property at the Alms-house made by the Selectmen on the 29th day of February, 1868, amounts to \$1991 31, being \$58 74 less than last year's appraisal, which deducted from \$60 89 balance on cash account, leaves a balance in favor of the Alms-House of \$2 15.

The produce of the Farm has been as follows :

35 tons of hay, 139 lbs. wool, 3 calves, 11 lambs, 2 pigs, 25 bushels India wheat, $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel peas, $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel grass seed, 142 bushels corn, $3\frac{1}{2}$ bushels beans, 125 bushels oats, 17 bushels apples, 255 bushels potatoes, 7 bushels turnips, 6 bushels beets, 2 bushels carrots, 1 load pumpkins, 120 lbs. cheese, 376 lbs. butter, 1200 lbs. pork, 600 lbs. beef, 70 lbs. mutton, 19 turkeys, 25 chickens.

Upon examination, we find that the same skillful management has been continued which has characterized our worthy Agent and wife.

There have been at the Alms-House during the past year from three to seven inmates. The present number is three.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JONAS HASTINGS,	} <i>Overseers</i>
STEPHEN A. TRACY,	
LOUIS T. CHASE,	

of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of the Selectmen Aug. 19, '67,	30 20
Received of the Selectmen Jan. 1, 1868,	1000 00
	<hr/> \$1030 20
Received of the Selectmen the following sums :	
Savings Bank tax dividend for 1867,	132 30

Railroad tax for 1867,	64 99	
Literary Fund for 1867,	55 80	
United States Bounties,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$453 09
Feb. 2, Rec'd of Selectmen,	10 00	
27, " " Co. pauper money,	521 34	
" " interest on Foss		
Legacy for support of poor,	112 80	
Rec'd interest on School Fund,	28 24	
" of O. P. Burr, Agent of		
Alms-house,	60 89	
Rec'd of O. P. Burr, Liquor Ag't,	71 21	
	<hr/>	\$804 48

	2287 77	
Received of G. D. Kenyon, Collector,	5915 85	
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Amounting to,	\$8203 62	

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid as principal on old orders,	1921 13	
Interest on town orders,	1770 09	
Paid new orders,	4080 58	
	<hr/>	\$7771 80
Balance in the hands of Treasurer,	\$431 82	
Which is respectfully submitted by		

J. M. DAVIDSON, *Treasurer.*

Statement of the Financial condition of the Town :

Due on old orders,	\$24831 82	
Due on orders drawn the past year,	1398 96	
Due Superintending School Committee,	45 00	
Due int. now due on outstanding orders,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$26475 78

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand,	431 82	
Balance of taxes in Collector's hands,	2211 75	
Liquor in the Agent's hands,	130 78	
	<hr/>	\$2774 35
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		\$23701 43

SCHOOL FUND.

Notes in the hands of Treasurer,	\$470 87
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Which is respectfully submitted by

JAMES M. DAVIDSON, *Treasurer.*

TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

THE JACOB FOSS LEGACY.

Sept. 14, 1866, Received of the Executors of the will of Jacob Foss, deceased, late of Charlestown, Ms. \$3000 00	
Less Revenue Tax,	180 00
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	\$2820 00
Rec'd int. on Legacy for year ending Sept. 17, '67,	169 20
Paid to Selectmen of said Cornish, to appropriate for the support of poor in said Town,	112 80
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Leaving a balance of	56 40

To be appropriated for national flags in the Town of Cornish.

Which is respectfully submitted by

JAMES M. DAVIDSON, *Trustee.*

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned, appointed to sell Wines and Spirituous Liquors for the Town, reports from Mar. 1, 1867, to Mar. 1, 1868, as follows:

Amount of cash received on 131 sales of the above, \$97 71
Amount paid out, 26 50

	Leaves a balance of	71 21
Amount on hand March 1, 1867,		\$209 37
" " " 1868,		130 78

Leaves a balance of	\$78 79
which deduct	71 21

Leaves a balance against the town of, \$7 58

O. P. BURR, *Agent.*

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

I beg leave to submit for your consideration the following report of the condition of the schools of Cornish, during the past year :

DISTRICT No. 1.—Prudential Committee, Marshal Harlow. Amount of School Money, \$129 45. Length of school in weeks, Summer term, 14 ; Winter, 9. Number of scholars in Summer term, 21 ; in Winter, 19. The Summer term was taught by Miss Ellen A. Harlow, of Windsor. Miss Harlow succeeded well in gaining the affection, and maintaining the interest of her pupils through the long term.— I considered the school well instructed, and properly conducted,

The Winter term was taught by John Dean, of Cornish. At my first, and only visit, I found scholars and teacher hard at work, investigating the mysteries of Arithmetic, the science of Grammar, the theory and art of reading and spelling, and I have no doubt, but that they succeeded in a good degree in the attempt. I did not learn when the school closed, consequently can only theorize at the final result, which is superlatively favorable.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Prudential Committee, L. Y. Boyd. Amount of School Money, \$87 56. Number of scholars in Summer term, 17 ; in Winter, term 25. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks ; of Winter term, 8 weeks. The Summer term taught by Miss Laura S. Chase. Miss Chase taught the school with her usual ability, and the fact that she has been employed to teach the school for several terms, is sufficient proof that the district appreciates her services. The pupils under her instruction made good progress.

The Winter term was taught by Henry Ayers, of Cornish. Mr. Ayers' ability as a teacher, is well known. The school needs no commendation. The district have retained Mr. Ayres' services for several years in succession, they cannot do better than continue to do so.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Prudential Committee, James Hildreth. Amount of School Money, \$60 67. Length of school in Summer term, 10 weeks; Winter term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 13; in Winter term, 14. The Summer term was taught by Miss Eva Manchester, of Plainfield. Miss Manchester has had but little experience in teaching. The school did tolerably well under her instruction; but I did not find at the close of the term, that advancement made in the studies pursued which I expected at my first visit. One reason for this, may be the limited amount of schooling that the scholars in this district have had during the last year; also the lack by the teacher of the necessary energy, tact, and essential qualifications of the eminently successful teacher.

The Winter term was taught by Albert Pineo, of Hanover. At my first visit, I found the school progressing well; the teacher was quietly, but thoroughly, performing his duties. As a number of schools closed the same week that this did, I was unable to visit it at its close, but I learned from the citizens of the district, that Mr. Pineo gave good satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Prudential Committee, Henry Walker. Amount of School Money, \$49 37. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 9. But one term of school, taught by Miss Jennie L. Deming, of Cornish, was maintained in this district, during the year. Miss Deming conducted the school very successfully. Although I visited it but once, I found everything pertaining to the management and instruction of the pupils in a satisfactory condition.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Prudential Committee, Charles M. Kenyon. Amount of School Money, \$62 32. Length of Summer term, 8 weeks; of Winter term, 15. Number of scholars in Summer term, 16; in Winter term, 19. The Summer term was taught by Miss Susie A. Holbrook, of Cornish. Miss Holbrook's literary qualifications are very good. At my first and only visit, I found Miss H. trying to discharge her duties with energy and faithfulness. I think from what I saw, that the school under her instruction, was doing well, at my first visit. Circumstances prevented my visiting it at its close.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Hattie J. Hildreth. I found the school at my first visit appearing well. The method of instruction and order were very good. I learned through the teacher that the deportment and interest in the studies pursued by the pupils was very commendable, and that they attended school very regularly.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Prudential Committee, Jas. M. Davidson. Amount of School Money, \$176 10. Length of Summer term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 27. The Summer term was taught by Miss Caddie Hall, of Cornish. Miss Hall has been employed to teach this school for several terms in succession; good evidence, I think, of her ability to perform her duties well, and give satisfaction to the district. I found in my visits to her school the same amount of faithfulness and energy displayed in her management which has characterized all her teaching heretofore. The Primary Department during the Winter term of 9 weeks, number of scholars 24, was also under the management of Miss Hall, with the same satisfactory results.

The Winter term of 9 weeks, number of scholars 22, was taught by W. S. Thrasher, of Claremont. In the correct, thorough and systematic method in which this school was taught, it cannot be too highly commended. Mr. Thrasher devoted his time, energy and skill to his school, and the evidence of the result at the close of the short term was manifested by the accurate recitations, especially in Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar, listened to by quite a large representation of the citizens of the district. I do not wish to eulogize either teacher or scholars, the former needs none, and the latter in the proficiency of many of their studies, may justly feel a scholar's pride in their attainments. The deportment of the scholars during this term was all that could be desired, and if the whole district could have been present at the closing examination, the effort to lengthen the school by private contributions would have been beyond a doubt entirely successful.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Prudential Committee, Lemuel Benway. Amount of School Money, \$93 59. Length of Summer term, 8 weeks; in Winter, 9 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 10; in Winter, 23. The Summer term was taught by Miss S. Annie Bryant, of Cornish. Miss Bryant is an experienced teacher, and gave her pupils the benefit of her experience. The term was short, too short; by several weeks, but all the progress was made which could be expected for so short a term.

The Winter term was under the instruction of Edgar A. Churchill, of Cornish. This was the first attempt of Mr. Churchill at teaching. Mr. Churchill's literary attainments are very good, and the school under his management did quite well, but if a little more energy and thoroughness of discipline had been observed in his management of the school, it would have conduced perhaps to the increased benefit of both pupil and teacher.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Prudential Committee, Seth Deming. Amount of School Money, \$96 94. Length of Summer term, 11 weeks; of Winter term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term 13; in Winter, 23. The Summer term was taught by Miss Carrie L. Goward, of Claremont. The school was smaller this term than for many years, and most of the pupils quite small. The school in all respects did well under Miss Goward's care.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Emily Leavitt, of Cornish. It is unnecessary to eulogize Miss Leavitt's school. Her great experience and perfect knowledge of her profession is a sufficient guarantee that whatever school she conducts will be in all respects a success. The attendance of the scholars was more than usually regular, and at the closing examination was a credit to pupils and teacher. The citizens of the district deserve honorable mention for the interest they manifest by their presence in the school-room at the close of the term.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Prudential Committee, Charles Comings. Amount of school money, \$57 65. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks, of Winter term 12 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 10, in Winter, 14. The Summer term was taught by Miss Salome C. Bailey, of Cornish.

This was the first experience of Miss Bailey in teaching. At my first visit I found Miss Bailey trying to do all in her power to make her school a profitable one. Owing to a misunderstanding on my part as to when the school was to close, I did not visit it but once, at the commencement, and cannot therefore report of its success.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Hattie Ayers of Cornish. Miss Ayers taught the term with much ability, and success. I found that Miss Ayers enforced good discipline, and required of her pupils, that most essential of all requirements, exactness in their studies. At the closing examination I was much pleased with the exercises of the school; with the thoroughness of the instruction; the

accuracy of the recitations, and the general proficiency made in all the studies. The paper read at the closing examination would have done credit, to older scholars, in a higher school.

DISTRICT 10.—Prudential Committee, Joseph Lamber-ton. Amount of School Money, \$76 52. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks, of Winter term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 15, in Winter, 17. The Summer term was taught by Miss Luzretta S. Comings, of Cornish. This was Miss Comings's first term, but the thorough literary qualifications of Miss Comings was an evidence that, in one respect at least, her school would be a success. The method of instruction pursued by Miss Comings was pleasant and thorough. I should judge that the school progressed well in all respects, and gave good satisfaction to the district. The Winter term was taught by Miss Ella J. Sturtevant, of Cornish. Miss Sturtevant taught the school with much energy and ability, and consequently, I found at the close of the term, that a good amount of progress had been made. I found a few of the youngest pupils in this school very forward for their age.

DISTRICT No. 11.—Prudential Committee, Daniel H. Hilliard. Amount of School Money, \$78 98. Length of school in Summer term, 11 weeks; in Winter, 6 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 26; in Winter, 29. The Summer term was taught by Miss Ella J. Sturtevant, of Cornish. Miss Sturtevant managed the school very well, and seemed to enforce better discipline than I generally find in this somewhat unruly school. I think that the term passed off without any difficulty, which is somewhat unusual for that school; and that Miss Sturtevant gave good satisfaction to the district. The Winter term was under the instruction of Mr. Charles P. Bailey, of Claremont. Mr. Bailey seemed active and energetic, and faithfully endeavored to give his pupils good instruction, but there seemed to be a failure in enforcing, and maintaining a proper degree of discipline. If Mr. Bailey had succeeded in this particular, I am sure that the school would have done well. This district should employ a teacher in the Winter term, of known ability and experience. A failure to maintain strict discipline in this school, will defeat success no matter what the literary attainments of the teacher may be.

DISTRICT No. 12.—Prudential Committee, Lewis Knights. Amount of School Money, \$19 74. Length of

school, $6\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. Only one term was taught in this district. Number of scholars 7. The term in the fall was taught by Miss Salome Bailey, of Cornish. The school was very small, and attendance irregular, but all the progress that the short term would allow, was made. The people should contribute in this district to lengthen out the one term.

DISTRICT No. 13.—Prudential Committee, Norman Deming. Amount of School Money, \$59 52. Length of school, Summer term, 10 weeks; Winter, 9. Number of scholars in Summer term, 15; in Winter, 17. The Summer term was taught by Miss Cassie C. Freeman, of Cornish. Miss Freeman conducted the school in a very thorough and successful way. The order was good, and the closing examination was highly satisfactory, the pupils in this district, gave evidence of good interest in their studies by their regular attendance, and good deportment while in the school-room.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Ellen Balloch, of Cornish. The scholars made the best of progress through the short term. There was less whispering in this school than in any other school, I believe, in town; and the promptness and regularity of attendance, the best. This school shows the best record upon this last point of any in town.

DISTRICT No. 14.—Prudential Committee, Quartus Fletcher. Amount of School Money, \$25 82. Length of school, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 9. But one term was taught in the district during the year. The school was taught by Miss Luella E. Fletcher, of Cornish. I visited the school but once, but found that it was doing well. I have no doubt from its appearance then, but that it was well conducted, and that, the scholars and teacher worked harmoniously together.

DISTRICT No. 15.—Prudential Committee, Michael McCarty. Amount of School Money, \$16 18. Length of school, 8 weeks. There was but one term during the year. Number of scholars, 14. The term was taught by Miss Ellen J. Balloch, of Cornish. I failed of visiting this school at all, the business of my profession at that time requiring all of my time; but I have no doubt but that the school was well conducted in every respect.

DISTRICT No. 16.—Prudential Committee, William Burr. Amount of School Money, \$51 04. Length of school in Summer term, 10 weeks; in Winter, 10. Number of scholars in Summer term, 18; in Winter, 21. The Summer

term was taught by Miss Jennie V. Green, of Plainfield. Miss Green discharged her duties in a faithful and able manner. I think that the school did extremely well.

The Winter term was also taught by Miss Green with the same ability and success which marked her management of the Summer term. The relations between teacher and scholar seemed mutually agreeable, and the district well satisfied with their selection of Miss Green to teach their school for the third time.

In DISTRICT No. 11, at the time this Report was written a school was in progress, to continue for two or three weeks, under the instruction of Miss Ella J. Sturtevant, supported in part I believe by private contributions.

The whole amount of School Money this year is \$1153 14. \$4 03 goes to a district in Plainfield and \$7 88 to a district in Claremont.

The number of teachers employed during the year, 24; of these 6 were males and 18 females, all but six reside in this town. Whole number of scholars attending school, 345; boys, 181, girls, 165. Number of children between 4 and 14 not attending school at all, 18

The schools throughout town have generally been successful. No teacher has been obliged to leave school before the close of the term.

SCHOOL HOUSES.—Permit me to say that School Districts No. 1, 2 and 10 ought to devise means to “reconstruct” their school houses, or else there is danger that they may be reconstructed by a power outside of the district.

TEXT BOOKS.—I have very nearly completed the introduction of Hilliard’s series of Reading Books and Cornell’s Geographies, in exchange for Town’s series and Colton’s and Fitch’s Geographies, believing that the exchange will compensate for all the trouble and expense incident thereto.

I beg leave to call the attention of the citizens of this town to the 15th article in the Town warrant. It is a fact known to all, that the cost of maintaining the public schools at the present time, is nearly double what it was ten years ago; the wages of teachers, board and fuel, are much higher, while the amount of money derived from all sources, and appropriated for the support of schools is less than formerly; consequently the length of the schools, is much shorter than they were before this state of things existed. I think that the youth of to-day, are entitled to as much schooling as their parents enjoyed. The amount of School Money, now raised, is limited by law, and cannot

be increased, unless by a vote of the town. It is hoped that the town will look at this matter in its true light, and vote to raise whatever additional sum, the good sense of the people deems sufficient for the purpose.

A law abolishing the County Superintending School Committees, was enacted at the last meeting of the Legislature. Hon. Amos Hadley, of Concord, is now placed at the head of the Bureau of public instruction. He will probably lecture in town, some time in May. Let me call the attention of teachers, to an Association formed by Mr. Hadley, called Sullivan County Teachers Association, it will meet occasionally, in different parts of the county. Teachers, and all interested, are earnestly invited to attend,

GEORGE W. HUNT,

Superintending School Committee.

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